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British North American Association.

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1. The British North American Association is formed to diffuse information as to the British North American Provinces, to promote Colonial union and correspondence, and to enable the imperial and colonial interests on both sides of the Atlantic to confer from time to time through its instrumentality, as an established centre of communication, on all topics of mutual interest. Establishment of the Association.

2. The Association shall collect and circulate official information regarding the material resources of the Provinces, in respect to emigration and the employment of capital and labour, and also such facts as shall record the development of their commerce and their progress in the arts and sciences. And its objects.

3. Any person, whether residing in the Provinces or the United Kingdom, can be admitted as a Member of the Association on being nominated by two Members, and approved by the Council for the time being, but no Candidates for Membership.

person shall be entitled to the privilege of Membership until his annual subscription shall have been paid.

4. All Members of the Provincial Parliaments being Members of the Association shall, while in London, be *ex officio* and extraordinary Members of the Council, with the power of voting.

Subscription.

5. The annual subscription shall be not less than £2. 2s., and every Member shall on his election pay the same for the current year, and no Member shall be entitled to vote or to enjoy any other privilege of the Association so long as he shall remain in arrear with his subscription. Any Member, if resident in the United Kingdom, may compound his future annual subscriptions by one payment of Twenty Guineas, and if a resident in the Provinces, by a payment of Ten Guineas.

Visitors.

6. The Council shall have the power to admit persons, resident in the Provinces and visiting this country, as visitors to the Association on such terms as they may from time to time determine.

Retirement of Members.

7. Any Member intending to withdraw from the Association, must signify his intention to do so in writing to the Secretary, provided always that such Member shall be liable to the payment of his subscription for the current year.

Honorary Officers.

8. There shall be a President, two Vice-presidents, and Treasurer, and such Honorary Officers as the Council may appoint as the Honorary Officers of the Association.

9. There shall be three Trustees to be chosen by the Council, in whom the property of the Association shall be v[illegible], and who shall have the power in respect to the same to adopt such measures, under the direction of the Council, as may appear expedient for the interests of the Association, and the Trustees shall be *ex officio* Members of the Council. Trustees.

10. The government of the Association shall be managed by a Council of Thirty Members (in addition to the President, Vice-Presidents, and Trustees,) of whom three shall form a quorum. The Council shall elect their Chairman, and shall have the appointment of treasurer, secretary, and other officers and servants, whether honorary or stipendiary. Council of Management.

11. The Council shall hold an ordinary meeting once a month, and minutes of the proceedings thereat shall be regularly kept by the Secretary. Meetings of the Council (ordinary.)

12. A special meeting of the Council shall be called on a written application from two Members, to elect a new Member, such new Member not being a resident of Great Britain. Meetings of the Council (special.)

13. The Council shall be empowered to make from time to time such bye-laws, consistent with the general rules of the Association, as they shall think necessary, and they shall have the power of filling up any vacancies which may occur in their number after the annual meeting. Council may make new Regulations and fill vacancies therein.

14. Ten Members of the Council shall go out at every annual meeting according to seniority of service Annual Election of Council.

next after the first two years; (the first and second vacancies to be determined by ballot amongst themselves;) but they shall be immediately eligible for re-election.

Annual Meetings.

15. The Annual meetings of the Association shall be held in the month of June, for the purpose of the Election of Members of the Council of the succeeding year, and of receiving an abstract of the state of the finances, with a report of the general concerns of the Association for the past year. At the Annual Meeting, any Member may bring forward suggestions for improving the working of the Association, provided he has given notice of his intention to the Council seven days before the meeting; and if any new rule or alteration of an old rule be duly proposed and be approved of by two-thirds of the Members then present, the same shall be considered as adopted by the Association, subject to the confirmation of another General Meeting. The Council shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting on the requisition of twenty-five Members.

Extraordinary General Meetings.

16. Notice of every Meeting shall be given by public advertisement at least fourteen days before the day of meeting, and such notice shall specify the object or objects of such meeting. The quorum requisite to constitute such Meeting shall be seven Members.

Library, &c., and Newspapers.

17. The Association shall possess a Library, with Maps, Charts, &c., connected with the British American Provinces. It shall also be regularly supplied with such leading papers and publications of the chief

towns and cities of the provinces as the Council may think fit.

18. The Association shall from time to time, under the superintendence of the Council, publish statements, and accompany them with maps and other illustrations as occasion may require. Publish statements.

19. The Chairman shall be entitled to vote on all questions, and shall have the casting vote. The Chairman.

20. The Treasurer shall, *ex officio*, be one of the Trustees. The Treasurer.

21. The Association shall not, and may not make or distribute any dividend, gift, division, or bonus, or money unto or between any of its Members. No bonus or division of funds of the Association to be made.

At the First General Meeting of the Members of this Association, held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Friday, the 28th February, R. W. Crawford, Esq., M.P., in the chair, the Rules for the Governance of the Association having been read:—

It was moved by Mr. Robert Carter, seconded by Mr. Danby Seymour, M.P., and Resolved,—

"That the Rules now read be approved, confirmed, and adopted, and that the Association be now formed in accordance therewith."

It was moved by the Hon. A. Kinnaird, M.P., seconded by Mr. Wm. Jackson, M.P., and resolved,—

"That the following gentlemen do form the Council of the Association until the first Annual General Meeting:—

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Robert Gillespie, Esq.	Charles Bischoff, Esq.
H. Montgomerie, Esq.	John M. Grant, Esq."

It was proposed by Mr. Andrew M. Uniacke, seconded by Mr. Robert Benson, and Resolved,—

"That the Council be requested to place themselves in communication with the Provinces, and public bodies and individuals either at home or abroad, with the view of making known the formation of the Association, and of obtaining annual subscriptions and contributions towards its preliminary expenses and maintenance, and gifts of books, papers, &c., to the library."

It was proposed by Mr. Wm. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Danby Seymour, M.P., and Resolved,—

"That the Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, M.P., be appointed Treasurer to the Association, and that the bankers be Messrs. Ransom, Bouverie, and Co., and Messrs. Glyn, Mills, and Co."

A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to the Chairman, the Meeting adjourned.